

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. The changes in these claims are shown with strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) for deleted matter and underline (underline) for added matter. A complete listing of the claims is set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented process for searching among a collection of documents, the collection comprising a referencing document and a referenced document referred to in the referencing document by one or more links other than explicit frame references, the process comprising:

aggregating the referencing document and the referenced document referenced in the referencing document to create an aggregate document, the aggregate document not existing as a document in said collection of documents, whereby said aggregate document is associated with content capable of being indexed, said content being provided by the referenced document and the referencing document;

indexing said created aggregate document, based on index terms contained in the referencing document and the referenced document forming the aggregate document, to generate an index of aggregated documents ;

searching by operating on said index; and

returning, as a result of the searching step, a located aggregate document.

Claims 2–7 (cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A search engine for searching among a collection of documents, the collection comprising a referencing document and a referenced document referred to in the referencing document by one or more links other than explicit frame references, the search engine comprising an inverted index table of aggregate documents, wherein an entry in the index

table is associated to with aggregate document that aggregates the referencing document and the referenced document, the aggregate document not existing in said collection of documents, whereby said aggregate document is associated with content capable of being indexed, said content provided by the referenced document and the referencing document.

9. (Previously Presented) The search engine of claim 8, further comprising;
a display routine adapted to display, for a result comprising the referencing document or the referenced document;
content of the referencing document; and
information or attribute of the referenced document.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying an aggregate document with
a content of the referencing document; and
information or attribute of the referenced document.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 1, wherein the collection comprises a referencing document and at least two referenced documents in the referencing document, and wherein the process further comprises a step of selecting a subset of the referenced documents.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 1, wherein the collection comprises a referencing document and at least two referenced documents referenced in the referencing document, and wherein the process further comprises a step of sorting referenced documents.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 10, wherein the information or attribute comprise a link to the referenced document.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented process of claim 10 wherein the process comprises, for a result, the display of

- content of the referencing document;
- information or attribute of a first document referenced in the referencing document; and
- information or attribute of a second document referenced in the referencing document.